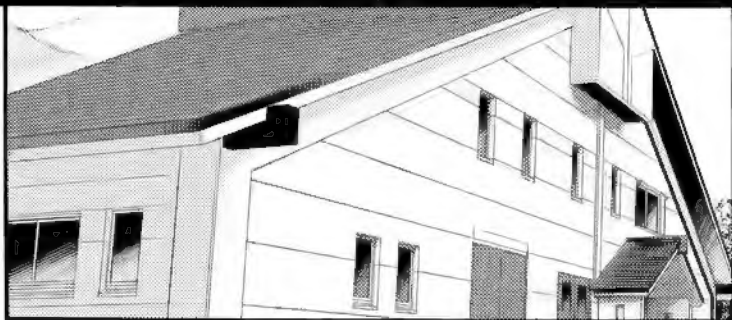


**SATURDAY, JUNE 22**

**THE DAY BEFORE THE  
WATANAGASHI FESTIVAL.**

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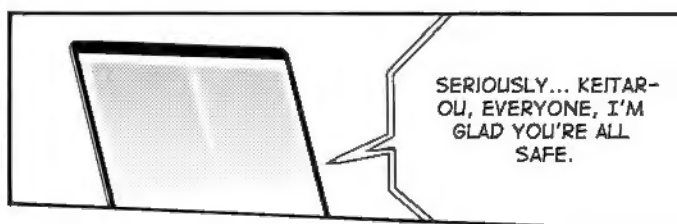
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YOU KIDS ARE WAY  
TOO RECKLESS,  
ACTING ALL ON  
YOUR OWN!

SHEESH,  
THAT'S  
ENOUGH!







...BUT ALL  
THIS TIME  
HE WAS AC-  
TUALY THE  
ONE CAUS-  
ING THE  
PROBLEMS  
BETWEEN  
US...

I CAN'T BELIEVE  
HE WAS ACTING  
SO FRIENDLY  
TOWARDS THE  
VILLAGE AND  
POLARIS...



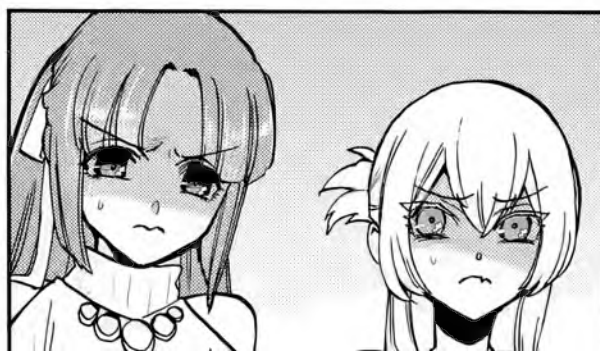
HE ALWAYS  
SEEMED SO  
CAREFREE  
AND HELP-  
LESS WHEN  
HE WAS  
AROUND PO-  
LARIS...



HE SAID HE  
WAS JUST  
A FREE-  
LANCE PHO-  
TOGRA-  
PHER...

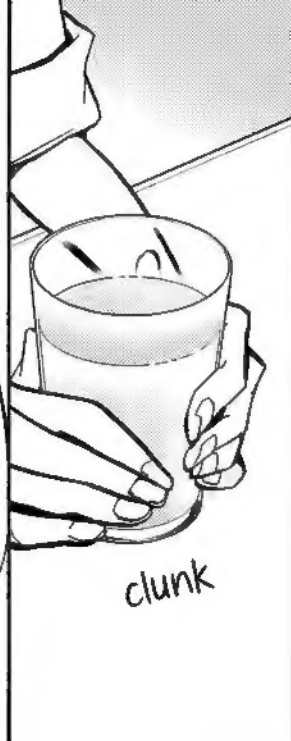
BUT HE TO-  
TALLY HAD  
US FOOLED...







MARUTAKE-SAN  
IS NO FREELANCE  
PHOTOGRAPHER...



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...USING  
CONNECTIONS  
AT THE LOCAL  
PUBLISHER I  
WORK FOR.

I'VE BEEN CU-  
RIOUS ABOUT  
HIM FOR A  
WHILE NOW, SO  
I DID SOME DIG-  
GING...

AUNT  
RENA...  
BUT  
THAT'S...



FAMOUS?

...THAT HE'S  
FAMOUS...



THAT'S  
HOW I  
FOUND  
OUT...



HUUH?!

APPARENTLY, HE'S A WELL-KNOWN SCOUNDREL AMONG THE AUTHORITIES.

THEY SAY...HE'S A MAN TO BE WEARY OF, WHO GOES AROUND SNIFFING OUT TROUBLE THEN TAKING BRIBES IN EXCHANGE FOR NOT PUBLISHING A STORY ABOUT IT...

THAT'S... WORRYING, TO HAVE SOMEONE LIKE THAT FIXATED ON YOU...





WHAT IS IT,  
MION?



SO THIS  
IS...  
PART OF  
THAT...

HAAH...  
I GET  
IT...



**IF YOU DON'T WANT  
THE TROUBLE  
BETWEEN THE VIL-  
LAGE AND POLAR-  
IS PUBLISHED IN A  
MAGAZINE BEFORE  
THIS WORLD HERI-  
TAGE BUSINESS IS  
OVER...**

**...YOU  
BETTER PAY  
UP.**

AND THAT  
SONOZA-  
KI GROUP  
THREAT-  
ENED US.

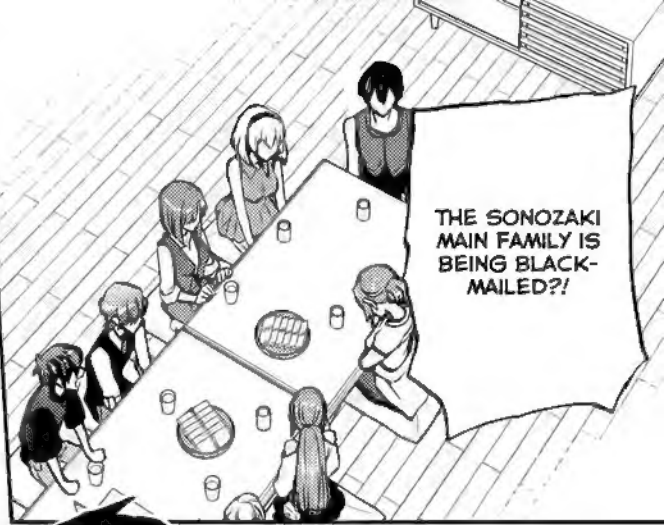
THE SONOZAKI  
MAIN FAMILY  
HAS ACTUALLY  
BEEN ON BAD  
TERMS WITH  
THE SECOND  
GENERATION OF  
THE SONOZAKI  
GROUP FOR A  
LONG TIME...

RIGHT...  
MOM TOLD  
ME ABOUT  
THIS THE  
OTHER  
DAY...





...IN  
OTHER  
WORDS  
...



THE SONOZAKI  
MAIN FAMILY IS  
BEING BLACK-  
MAILED?!




SONOZAKI INDUSTRIAL

THIS SCOUNDREL  
MARUTAKE DECIDED  
TO COME HERE AFTER  
HE GOT WIND OF THE  
TUMULTUOUS WORLD  
HERITAGE BIDDING  
PERIOD HINAMIZAWA IS  
CURRENTLY IN...

SO, HE'S PLOTTING  
TO EXTORT **MONEY**  
FROM THE SONOZAKI  
MAIN FAMILY AND SPLIT  
THE CASH WITH THESE  
PEOPLE...?

THEN HE INGRATIAT-  
ED HIMSELF WITH  
THE SONOZAKI  
GROUP, WHO DOMI-  
NATE THE CRIMINAL  
UNDERWORLD  
AROUND THESE  
PARTS...






THE SONOZAKI  
GROUP IS AL-  
READY DOLING  
OUT THE BLACK-  
MAIL THREATS...

SEEMS  
LIKE  
IT...

THIS GUY  
HAS REALLY  
SCREWED  
US...



YOU MEAN TO  
TELL ME MARU-  
TAKE-SAN IS  
MANIPULATING  
ALL OF HINAM-  
IZAWA...?


TO THINK, THAT  
WEAK OLD GUY  
WAS SUCH A  
RACKETEER...



RIKA.




WE  
CAN'T  
ALLOW  
THIS.



MARUTAKE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WORSENING SYMPTOMS OF THE TWO SYNDROMES THAT IRIE'S BEEN SEEING FOR THE PAST MONTH...!

HE'S BEEN STIRRING UP CONFLICT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND POLARIS...

IF THAT'S THE CASE, EVEN IF HE DOESN'T REALIZE IT,



WE CAN NEVER, EVER LET THAT HAPPEN...!

IF HE RELEASES A STORY THAT MAKES HINAMIZAWA LOOK SCANDALOUS, I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF THE EXTREME STRESS WOULD CAUSE VILLAGERS AND POLARIS MEMBERS ALIKE TO PROGRESS THEIR SYMPTOMS EVEN FURTHER...!



TOMORROW IS WATANAGASHI...

WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT YOU, MARUTAKE-SAN...?

...





**WHAT IF  
HE WERE  
DEMONED  
AWAY?**



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